

line 29, change "said" to --the--, and between "when" and "ink" insert --an--;

line 31, between "the" and "invention" insert --present--;

line 34, change "said" to --the--; and

line 35, change "said" to --the--.

Page 11, line 4, change "said" to ---the--;

line 13, between "of" and "ink" insert --an--;

line 14, between "when" and "ink" insert --an--;

line 16, change "said" to --the--;

line 17, change "said" to --the--; and

between lines 19 and 20, insert

--Brief Description of The Drawings--;

Page 12, between lines 7 and 8, insert

--Description of The Preferred Embodiments--;

Page 13, line 20, between "in" and "overlap" insert --an--, and between "overlap" and "between" insert --fashion--.

Page 15, line 31, change "a" to --the--.

Page 21, line 15, between "the" and "invention" insert --present--.

Page 27, line 2, before "invention" insert --present--.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 9, 11-13, 21, 27 and 37-39 as follows:

Subb<sup>1</sup> 1. (Amended) A tape printing apparatus for printing an image on an image receiving tape, comprising:

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a thermal print head for printing an image on said image receiving tape, said print head having a first mode of operation and a second mode of operation;

receiving means for receiving in the first mode of operation a supply of image receiving tape and a supply of ink ribbon for providing an image on said image receiving tape, and in the second mode of operation a supply of thermally sensitive image receiving tape;

driving means for driving said ink ribbon;

control means for controlling [the] said thermal print head; and

detecting means for detecting if an ink ribbon is present or absent in said receiving means and [arranged to provide] for providing a signal to [the] said control means indicative of the presence or absence of the ink ribbon, said control means being arranged to control [the] said thermal print head to [have the] operate in said first mode of operation when an ink ribbon is present and [the] said second mode of operation when no ink ribbon is present, wherein said detecting means is arranged to detect, when said driving means is activated, a characteristic indicative of movement of said ink ribbon to determine if an ink ribbon is present.

2. (Amended) A tape printing apparatus for printing a label on an image receiving tape, comprising:

a thermal print head arranged at a print zone for printing the label on the image receiving tape as the image

receiving tape passes through the print zone, said thermal print head having a first mode of operation and a second mode of operation;

control means for controlling [the] said thermal print head;

receiving means for receiving in the first mode of operation a supply of image receiving tape and a supply of ink ribbon for providing an image on said image receiving tape, and in the second mode of operation a supply of thermally sensitive image receiving tape;

detecting means for detecting a characteristic indicative of the presence or absence of an ink ribbon and [arranged to provide] for providing a signal to [the] said control means indicative of the presence or absence of the ink ribbon, wherein said control means controls [the] said thermal print head to [have] operate in said first mode of operation when an ink ribbon is present and said second mode of operation when no ink ribbon is present; and

cutting means for separating a printed label from the supply of image receiving tape.

Claim 3, line 2, between "support" and "ink" insert  
--the--.

Claim 9, line 5, between "if" and "ink" insert --an--.

Claim 11, line 3, before "ink" (first occurrence) insert  
--an--; and

line 4, between "present" and "and" insert a --,--.

Claim 12, line 4, between "when" and "ink" insert --an--.

Claim 13, line 3, between "up" and "ink" insert --the--.

Claim 21, line 3, between "when" and "ink" insert --an--.

Sub 8<sup>12</sup> 27. (Amended) A tape printing apparatus as claimed in claim 25, [when appended to claims 3, 4, 5 or 6,] wherein said first cassette has an aperture in a first location for receiving said support member and the second cassette has an aperture for receiving said support member in a second location such that the first cassette causes the rotatable support member to be in the first position and the second cassette causes the support member to be in the second position.

Sub 8<sup>14</sup> 37. (Amended) A tape printing apparatus for printing an image on an image receiving tape, comprising:

a thermal print head for printing an image on said image receiving tape, said print head having a first mode of operation and a second mode of operation; [and]

receiving means for receiving in the first mode of operation a supply of image receiving tape and a supply of ink ribbon for providing an image on said image receiving tape, and in the second mode of operation a supply of thermally sensitive image receiving tape;

control means for controlling [the] said thermal print head;

means for directing the image receiving tape along a first path in the first mode of operation and along a second path in a second mode of operation; and

detecting means for determining if the image receiving tape follows the first or the second path and [arranged to provide] for providing a signal to [the] said control means indicative of the path of the image receiving tape, said control means being arranged to control [the] said thermal print head to [have the] operate in said first mode of operation if the image receiving tape follows the first path and the second mode of operation if the image receiving tape follows the second path.

38. (Amended) A tape printing apparatus for printing an image on an image receiving tape, comprising:

a thermal print head for printing an image onto an image receiving tape, said thermal print head having a first mode of operation and a second mode of operation;

receiving means for receiving in the first mode of operation a supply of image receiving tape and a supply of ink ribbon for providing an image on an image receiving tape, and in the second mode of operation a supply of thermally sensitive image receiving tape;

control means for controlling [the] said thermal print head;

drive means for driving the image receiving tape and the ink ribbon, when present, past [the] said thermal print head; and

means for detecting a characteristic indicative of the presence or absence of an ink ribbon and [arranged to provide] for providing a signal to [the] said control means indicative of the presence or absence of the ink ribbon, the control means

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controlling [the] said thermal print head to [have the] operate in  
said first mode of operation when an ink ribbon is present and the  
second mode of operation when no ink ribbon is present, wherein  
said detecting means is arranged to detect a characteristic  
indicative of the power consumed by said drive means, said drive  
means consuming more power when ink ribbon is present as compared  
to when no ink ribbon is present.

39. (Amended) A tape printing apparatus for printing an image  
on an image receiving tape, comprising:

a thermal print head for printing an image on said image  
receiving tape, said thermal print head having a first mode of  
operation and a second mode of operation;

receiving means for receiving in the first mode of  
operation a supply of image receiving tape and a supply of ink  
ribbon for providing an image on said image receiving tape, and in  
the second mode of operation a supply of thermally sensitive image  
receiving tape;

control means for controlling [the] said thermal print  
head;

drive means for driving the image receiving tape and an  
ink ribbon, when present, past [the] said thermal print head; and

detecting means for detecting a characteristic indicative  
of the presence or absence of an ink ribbon and [arranged to  
provide] for providing a signal to [the] said control means  
indicative of the presence or absence of an ink ribbon, [the] said  
control means controlling [the] said thermal print head to [have